

Preliminary Amendment Dated February 11, 2004
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Applicants: Deliang Zhang et al

REMARKS

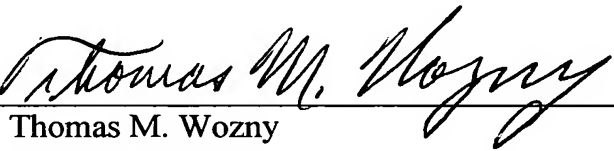
In the Office Action dated March 11, 2003, in parent application 10/119,268, claims 1-26 were subjected to a restriction and/or election requirement by the Examiner. In response, Applicant elected Group I, namely claims 1-4 and 25 drawn to a titanium based composite for prosecution in the parent application. In the present divisional application, Applicant has elected to prosecute claims 5-24 and 26, and has cancelled claims 1-4 and 25.

This Preliminary Amendment is also be filed in order to provide an Abstract of the Disclosure as new page 28 of the specification

Examination on the merits of claims 5-24 and 26 is now requested.

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